

State Employee Recognition Week

Your SERW (State Employees Recognition Week) Committee of Fargo, a subcommittee of COSE (Council of State Employees), volunteered to help Fraser, Ltd. this year with their Annual Festival of Trees. This fundraiser provides underprivileged families a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Fraser sells tree sponsorships to businesses and families in exchange for advertising provided by local broadcast and print media. Proceeds raised are given to families who would not otherwise have a tree for the holiday, making the holiday season fundraiser a huge success.

We bought the decorations and met at Innovis to decorate a 4 ½ foot Christmas tree sponsored by Carpet World. We were told that it was going to a family of five, a mom and dad, and three children, ages nine, five, and eight months for which we asked donations for gift cards. Thanks to the generosity of our state employees, we were able to raise \$390 (of which \$375 came from NDSU employees) to make this family's Christmas merry and bright.

The trees were on display at Innovis for two weeks. On December 3, from 10am to 4pm, Fraser wrapped up with a festive community celebration featuring activities such as children's games, performances by area bands, orchestras, and choirs, and of course, the Claus family and their elves. At the center of the activities there were 147 exquisitely decorated artificial Christmas trees waiting to be delivered to their respective families.



If you would like more information on your SERW committee, Fargo Chapter, and how to become a member, please contact the committee's chair, Robyn Hoffmann, 239-7291, or other members of the committee.